

have been different. Their choice to go above and beyond the call of duty, subjecting themselves to harm, to help a citizen in distress is the exemplary action that deserves this chamber's praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the heroic and courageous actions of Officers Lauren Keilitz and Michael Diblasi in their extraordinary lifesaving efforts.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPHINE
ZAPPONE

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Josephine Zappone, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Zappone has been a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to her large family.

Born February 5, 1912 in Bronx, New York, to Pietro and Rosalie Nizzari, Mrs. Zappone née Nizzari was the fifth of six children in her family. In 1938, she married Frank Zappone, with whom she raised three children: Allen, June, and Francis.

Mrs. Zappone has become known for her beautiful knitting, a skill she learned from her mother as a child. During both World War I and World War II, young Josephine knitted caps, scarves, and gloves for soldiers fighting overseas. Now, instead of outfitting GIs, Mrs. Zappone knits to keep her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren warm.

Josephine and her late husband, Frank, made their home in the Bronx, where she has been an active member of Our Lady of Mount Cannel Church for 93 years. Since 1956, Josephine has summered in my hometown of Southampton, on the shores of Shinnecock Bay.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor and recognize Josephine Zappone, a woman who has seen enormous change and progress during her long life. I would like to send Mrs. Zappone and her family my warmest regards and best wishes for happy 100th birthday.

NATIONAL INFANTRY ASSOCIATION AWARDS LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET.) DEWEY L. COLES THE ORDER OF ST. MAURICE

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Dewey L. Coles as a winner of the National Infantry Association's most prestigious award, the Order of St. Maurice.

Lieutenant Colonel Coles, at 21 years old, was one of the first soldiers to arrive on the ground in Korea during the summer of 1950. First serving as an artillery forward observer with the 24th Infantry Division and later as an aerial observer, Lieutenant Colonel Coles flew behind enemy lines to coordinate artillery attacks on Communist forces. For his tenure,

Lieutenant Colonel Coles earned two Bronze Stars for valor as well as two Air Medals for his courageous service.

The Order of St. Maurice is given to individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional degree of integrity, moral character, and professional competence during their service with the United States Army Infantry. I am so proud to announce this honor will be presented to Lieutenant Colonel Coles on February 9, 2012 by Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert J. LeBlanc in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

It is due to the character and sacrifice of individuals like Lieutenant Colonel Coles that we are able to enjoy the blessings of freedom and prosperity here in the United States of America. I thank Lieutenant Colonel Coles for his brave service to our country and congratulate him on this much deserved award from the National Infantry Association.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on February 3, 2012, I missed rollcall votes 31, 32, and 33 because of district business. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 31 and "no" on rollcall 32. I would also have voted "yes" on rollcall 33, because it is critical to support aviation jobs and safety in our skies. However, I am strongly opposed to the inclusion of anti-labor provisions that will increase from 35 percent to 50 percent the required number of employees who must show interest in forming a union before the National Mediation Board can allow election procedures to begin. These provisions will make it more difficult for American workers to organize for the protection of their rights, pay and safety. I encourage my colleagues to immediately begin consideration of legislation to reverse these misguided provisions.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. GLENN ELLIS,
SR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Glenn Ellis, Sr. Mr. Ellis is an internationally respected health educator, complementary medicine consultant and author.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. Ellis attended the University of Pennsylvania more than three decades ago. It was just the first step in his lifelong commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of others. Mr. Ellis continued his studies at the International College of Bio-Dynamics and the Atlantic Academy of Classical Homeopathy.

He maintains a busy lecture schedule in the U.S. and abroad, where he highlights health disparities and medical ethics. Mr. Ellis speaks at churches and community centers and is a popular and well sought-after university guest lecturer. He has made scientific presentations in Belgium, Germany, Cuba, and The Netherlands.

For years, health-conscious Philadelphians have tuned into his weekly radio broadcasts and commentary, where Mr. Ellis can be relied upon to dispense practical medical information. Mr. Ellis' unique broadcasts are now heard in 53 U.S. markets and 53 countries around the world.

Mr. Ellis serves on the Institutional Review Board and the Ethics Committee of Mercy Health Systems in Philadelphia. In 2005, he became a member of the Institutional Review Board of Thomas Jefferson Health Systems. He was a part of the Black Media Delegation at the 2010 International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria, and presented recently presented on Inclusion and Retention of African Americans in Clinical Trials in Havana.

In addition to serving on the Board of Universal Charter Schools and Communities in Schools Philadelphia, he was recently appointed to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Violence by the Mayor and School superintendent of Philadelphia.

Mr. Ellis was a Borough Councilman in Yeadon, Pennsylvania until 2001, serving as Chair of the Public Health and Safety Committee. Currently he is President of Strategies for Well-Being, LLC, a health education and consulting company headquartered in Philadelphia, where he consults with national corporate clients on promoting and providing health education for consumers and providers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you, and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Glenn Ellis, Sr. for his accomplishments and service.

TO EXTEND THE PAY LIMITATION
FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

SPEECH OF

HON. PEDRO R. PIERLUISI

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Mr. PIERLUISI. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3835, which would extend an existing pay freeze on federal employees for a third straight year, through December 2013.

Federal employees often forego private sector employment to serve our nation. They perform essential services, ensuring that our mail is delivered, that our Social Security checks are issued, and that our drinking water remains clean. Federal employees also investigate drug smuggling, issue patents, and provide health services and other benefits to our Island's veterans. These are only a few of the many functions that federal employees perform every day in their work for the American people.

Federal employees are willing to do their share to reduce the deficit. However, it is unfair to place the burden of reducing the deficit entirely on their backs. Federal employees have already contributed \$60 billion toward deficit reduction by accepting a two-year pay freeze. We should not ask this one particular group to make additional sacrifices when we are not asking other Americans to make similar sacrifices.

I urge my colleagues to reject this bill and to treat federal employees with the respect they deserve.